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### Claim found property

The Military Police Station has "Found Property" ranging from bicycles, credit cards, photo albums, keys, wallets and other miscellaneous items too numerous to mention here.

If you have lost property within the last year and can identify the item(s), contact the MP Station, located in Building 22336 on Christy Avenue. You will be required to show your military or civilian ID card before property can be claimed.

For information, call Staff Sgt. Jim R. Roan at 533-3332.

### Commissary uses plastic

In a conscious effort to support the environment, the Fort Huachuca Commissary will be primarily using plastic bags for groceries. The Commissary asks for your understanding in this campaign to support Mother Nature.

### Clothing sales new hours

The Military Clothing Sales Store has new hours of operation effective now. The store is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

### Water outage Wednesday

There will be a water outage on 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday. Areas affected will be 110, 112, 114 A-F Meyer; 109, 111, 113, 115 Derum; and all of Nickles. There will also be a water outage 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 7. The areas affected will be 111-113 A-F Rucker, and Myer Street between H Avenue and Rucker. Every effort is being made to ensure a smooth and trouble-free project and the DIS appreciates your cooperation and patience during this project. Flyers will be distributed to occupants to further notify them of this outage. For information, call Larry Hill at 533-5593.

# Post raises drinking age to 21

By Sgt. Cullen James  
Scout Staff

Bringing Fort Huachuca in line with the state of Arizona, the drinking age on post will increase from 18 to 21.

Effective Sept. 15, no person under the age of 21 will be authorized to buy, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages on Fort Huachuca. Nor will any person on Fort Huachuca sell any alcoholic beverages to a person under 21.

"This has been a concern with [post] commanders for the past two years," said Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

"The reason [for the change] is two-fold," Thomas said. "We want to bring the post into sync with the state law here. Two, we've had a fair amount of discipline issues with alcohol."

"We're a family focused and oriented installation and want to provide a high quality of life to those who live and work on Fort Huachuca," said Lt. Col. Karl Ellcessor, Staff Judge Advocate here.

"This change is part of enhancing the overall quality of life for soldiers, family members, and our outlying communities."

"What we're doing here is the right thing," Ellcessor added.

With the change in drinking age come changes in

post Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. "Effective immediately, the Ozone Club will close," said Barbara Barnett, business analyst, MWR Plans and Resources Division here. "We are trying to figure out new and better ways of offering services to soldiers."

Effective Sept. 15, the drinking age at all MWR activities becomes 21. No one

under the age of 21 will be permitted in clubs acting as bars at that time. However, the clubs will admit individuals under the age of 21 when they are not acting as night-clubs.

For example, Bingo Night, dinners and lunches remain available to all patrons, but underage persons will not be allowed in areas where the primary activity is drinking.

Likewise, consistent with current practice, customers of all ages will have access to Fort Huachuca recreational facilities — such as the bowling alley, Sportsman's Center, concerts and festivals — but the drinking age at those activities will be 21, according to Barnett.

"More information will be put out in the near future about MWR plans," Barnett said.

"Hopefully this change will lead to a reduction in alcohol related incidents and more responsible use of alcoholic beverages," Thomas said. "It's the unanimous view of all commanders that this is the right thing to do."

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Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr.

# Air, ground units team up to combat wildfires

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Military aircrews continue to transport troops and dump flame-retardant chemicals on Western wildfires as more soldiers and Marines have been called into the fight.

Two fresh active-duty Army battalions and one of Marines have deployed to assist ground firefighters in Montana and Idaho. The new units bring the total military participation to more than 4,600 soldiers, Marines and airmen, Department of Defense officials estimated.

Wildfires in the western United States have charred 6.2 million acres of land, an area roughly the size of Vermont, said Marine Corps Maj. Curtis L. Hill, a military liaison officer working with the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. Earlier this month, active-duty soldiers and Marines deployed to Idaho and Montana to augment civilian firefighters and reserve component support teams. The soldiers and Marines have been smothering residue fires in burned-through areas.

Flying above burning forests in Idaho, Montana, California and Wyoming, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard C-130 Hercules aircrews have released more than 1.8 million gallons of fire retardant chemicals on fires as of Aug. 20, according to Air Force officials. In addition, Reserve C-141 Starlifter crews have transported more than 1,300 active-duty soldiers, Marines and civilian firefighters

to afflicted areas.

DoD officials note that the Air Force's Air Mobility Command has flown about 12 fire-related airlift missions in the past month, with C-17s carrying people and equipment to the mission sites. Six more missions are currently scheduled for the next two weeks.

About 560 soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from Fort Campbell, Ky., were scheduled to arrive in Missoula, Mont., Aug. 25 to fight blazes in Bitterroot National Forest, officials said. Another 500 soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 321st Field Artillery, XVIII Airborne Corps, are scheduled to arrive Aug. 28 in Kalispell, Mont., to battle wildfires in Kootenai National Forest.

These troops will join soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division's 20th Engineer Battalion from Fort Hood, Texas, who arrived in Montana Aug. 13 and are assisting firefighting efforts at the Upper Nine Mile Complex in the Lolo National Forest near Huson.

About 500 Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., are scheduled to deploy Sept. 1 to Idaho. They will relieve the 600 members of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif., who've supported firefighting efforts at Clear Creek in the Salmon-Challis National Forest since Aug 5.

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# The Scout's Chaplain

## ‘Don’t worry,’hardest commandment to keep

By Chap. (Capt.) Kenneth R. Williams  
86th Signal Battalion

One of the hardest commandments to obey is not “Do not steal,” or Do not lie,” or “Do not kill.” One of the hardest commandments to obey is “Do not worry.”

The myth that we buy into says, “I can control things by worrying about them.” The English word “worry” has its origin is a word that means “to choke or strangle.” Worry chokes the joy of life out of us. The biblical word for worry means “a divided mind.” All our worries distract us from what is truly important.

Jesus tells us that there really is no need to worry. He said, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?” (Matthew 6:25 NIV)

Worry doesn’t make sense. We worry about the wrong things — the material, not the spiritual, the earthly, not the heavenly. And the more you worry, the bigger the problem becomes.

Worry is unnatural. “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” (Matthew 6:26 NIV) We seek security by storing up for an unforeseeable future. Birds don’t. “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or

spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” (Matthew 6:28-29 NIV)

Animals don’t worry. Plants don’t worry. But we who are created in God’s image and who God loves unconditionally, and to whom God has promised to meet all needs, we worry. Psalm 145:16 says, “You [God] open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.” (NIV)

Worry is unhelpful. Jesus said, “Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?” (Matthew 6:27 NIV) Worry doesn’t change anything. Vance Havner used to say, “Worry is like a rocking chair. It keeps you busy, but it gets you nowhere.”

Worry is unnecessary. “If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?” (Matthew 6:30 NIV) If God gives beauty to short-lived flowers, will he not provide for you who are created in his image?

Worry is unchristian. When we worry, we are acting like we don’t believe God and that we can’t trust him. However, God is the perfect father who knows our every need.

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father

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## DoD remembers ‘forgotten widows’

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Starting in the 1970s, the Department of Defense and Congress have developed legislation to provide annuities for certain military surviving spouses or the so-called “forgotten widows.”

The DoD has cooperated with Congress in an effort to develop annuity programs which both allow and encourage retired and retirement-eligible members of the Uniformed Services to provide some measure of financial security for their survivors. The results have culminated in:

The Survivor Benefit Plan - enacted Sept. 21, 1972, with an 18-month open season for existing retirees to elect coverage. The open season ended March 20, 1974.

The Reserve Component SBP - enacted Sept. 30, 1978, with a one-year open season for existing qualified reservists. RC-SBP provides SBP-like benefits for the survivors of reservists who are eligible for retired pay except for the fact that they are not yet 60 years of age.

Some members of Congress still felt that an inequity existed for populations who were ineligible for annuities under these survivor plans because the service member died before passage of the laws. With the enacting P.L. 105-85, Nov. 18, 1997 (amended by P.L. 106-65, Oct. 5, 1999), Congress authorized payment of a monthly annuity to un-remarried “forgotten widows” who meet the following criteria:

- Married to a member who was retired and died before the end of the initial SBP open season (March 20, 1974); or
- Married to a member who completed

20 qualifying years of reserve service, was not yet age 60, and died between Sept. 21, 1972 and Oct. 1, 1978. (The death date criteria was further amended by P.L. 106-65, Oct. 5, 1999, so that the qualified member had to have died before Oct. 1, 1978.)

To apply for an annuity, a surviving spouse must submit an application (DD Form 2769) and the required supporting documents. The Army’s SBP program is administered by the Army’s Retirement Services at Headquarters, DA, and is the Army approval authority. The DFAS-Denver Center (DoD annuitant pay center) pays approved applicants.

To date, Over 1,300 Army applications have been processed, with over 1,000 applications approved. The original annuity amount was \$165, effective Dec. 1, 1997. That amount has been increased by annual cost-of-living adjustments to \$174.76. Payments are retroactive to the effective date of legislation (i.e., either Dec. 1, 1997, or Oct. 1, 1999, based on the member’s death date).

Since potential annuitants were unidentifiable by DoD, the Department of the Army has aggressively publicized passage of this law using articles in “Army Echoes” (the official retiree publication) direct mailing to State Adjutants General; implementing guidance to Army Retirement Services Officers; and presentations at installation Retiree Appreciation Day events.

If you know of a surviving spouse who is among the “forgotten widows,” encourage them to contact the Arizona Department of Veterans Services. In Cochise County, visit Luella Zike at 77 Calle Portal in Sierra Vista or call (520) 458-1284.

# Commentary

By Maj. Daniel T. Williams  
USAIC&FH PAO

A few weeks ago I took my children bowling on Saturday morning on post. This experience was billed as a bonding time for them and me.

The experience was good, and we enjoyed the bowling. As this was all new to them, I was supposed to show them the ropes, or lanes, in this case.

The experience, however, as it turns out, was a learning experience for me. The lesson happened as we finished bowling and were returning our equipment.

My daughter was walking toward the door and saw a shiny object on the floor. Upon closer examination I

recognized it as a quarter. My first instinct was to tell her to give it to me. I did not want her playing with it or worse, allowing my younger boys to get hold of it and end up choking on it. I was thinking safety, as a good father ought.

As I was telling her to give me the quarter she said, “Daddy, finders are not keepers, are they?” I was taken aback.

“What did you say, dear?” I asked. I thought I was missing something she had said.

She then explained that when you find something that is not yours you must assume it belongs to someone else. What a concept! How did she learn this con-

## Out of the mouths of babes

cept at such a young age? Worse, how did she learn it if all she saw was my life in action?

My first thought was safety; her first thought was integrity.

If I had carried out my actions according to my original thoughts, her lesson and the lesson to my other children would have been completely different. We returned the quarter to the attendant at the desk.

I am so glad for my children and the lessons they teach me everyday. This day it was integrity, and it was I who learned from my daughter.

What lessons are you teaching your children? And, better yet, what lessons are your children teaching you.

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# Post names historical interpretation facility

By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer

The public is invited to attend the dedication of the new Salvador Sepulveda historical interpretation facility. The ceremony will take place Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Building 22330 on Christy Avenue.

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, and Salvador A. Sepulveda, Jr. will dedicate the building.

The building is named after Salvador Sepulveda who opened a shoe repair shop on post in 1920 and remained in business until the fort closed in 1947. The dedicated building housed Sepulveda’s shop.

Members of the Sepulveda family will attend the dedication.

The Salvador Sepulveda historical interpretation facility is expected to open its doors to the public in the near future.

# Supply Support Activity converts to Single Stock Fund

SSF release

Starting Sept. 15 until approximately Oct. 2, the Supply Support Activity will be converting to the Single Stock Fund. The following guidelines will ensure a smooth transition.

## Turn-ins

The last day for turn-ins to the SSA will be Sept. 14. No turn-ins will be accepted until the conversion to Single Stock Fund is complete. No exceptions.

## Requisitions

The last day to submit requisitions to the SSA will be Sept. 20. After this date, only high priority, non-mission capable requisitions can be processed. High priorities submitted after Sept. 20 will require the approval of the account-

able officer. These priority requests will require manual obligation by funds control officers.

They will not be recorded in SARSS until Fiscal Year 2001. Consequently, the systemic obligation will automatically post to FY01 and will require manual adjustment. Under no circumstance during the conversion period will a customer call a requisition in to the Source of Supply.

Between Sept. 21 and Oct. 2, the use of local purchase as a source of supply for mission essential requirements is highly recommended; however, customers are reminded to adhere to cut off dates established by the Directorate of Contracting for local purchase actions.

For information, call Pat Quintana, installation accountable officer, at 533-5610 or George Bush, supply officer, at 533-5828.



Photo by Stan Williamson

## Hard hat zone

**Signs announcing future construction site for family housing units have been installed. There is one sign posted at each entrance to Bonnie Blink and on the north and south corners of Lawton at Mason and Winrow. Demolition of existing housing and construction on the new units should begin during April 2001.**

# Inspector Generals serve as extension of commander, benefit all

By Maj. Jeff Arquette  
Deputy Inspector General

This article is intended to explain the Inspector General process for the benefit of unit commanders and soldiers/civilians of any grade who may need to seek the assistance of the Inspector General.

IGs serve as an extension of the commander in three ways: they extend the commander’s eyes and ears; they extend the commander’s voice; and they extend the conscience of the commander.

IGs are granted a high degree of independence and unlimited access to information in performing IG duties. IGs do not establish command policy and their authority comes from the commander.

Anyone may submit a complaint, allegation, or request for assistance to any Army IG concerning matters of Army interest. Soldiers are encouraged to first discuss complaints, allegations or requests for assistance with their chain of command, as provided in AR 600-20, Army Command Policy.

When a complaint, allegation, or request for assistance is brought to the IG, the IG will always ask that it be succinctly written out on DA Form 1559, Inspector General Action Request.

The IG will always ask the question “What do you want the IG to do?” This helps to focus the issue and allows the IG to determine if the matter of concern is of Army interest and if it is appropriate for the IG.

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The IG will ask if the complainant has sought assistance elsewhere, and what the results were. The IG will also ask him to provide any documentation he has concerning the matter.

The IG will ask the complainant to indicate on the IGAR form whether or not he consents to his name being used in association with the complaint.

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**Inspector General**

the complainant’s identity outside IG channels without the complainant’s consent, unless the IG determines such disclosure is unavoidable during the course of an inquiry or investigation.

When a person seeks assistance from the IG, it is often necessary to reveal the person’s identity to obtain the help needed. When a person requests anonymity, the IG will take more extensive measures to protect the person’s identity.

However, while protecting confidentiality is a priority for the IG, it cannot be absolutely guaranteed. IGs will not unconditionally promise confidentiality.

The IG next identifies issues and allegations and determines if they are appropriate for the IG. Some issues are more appropriately resolved by the chain of command or other agencies or activities.

Examples of issues that are not appropriate for the IG include:

— Serious criminal allegations.

— Issues which have other means of redress through appeal or rebuttal including: court-martial actions; nonjudicial punishment; officer and NCO evaluation reports; enlisted reductions; type of discharge received; pending or requested discharge; complaints that a soldier has been wronged by the commanding officer; reports of survey; relief for cause; adverse information filed in personnel records; claims.

Each of the above listed issues have prescribed redress procedures. If the individual followed the appropriate redress procedures and still has an issue, the IG may then look into it.

In those cases, the IG will focus only on ensuring the complainant received due process, and on the protection of rights as intended by law and regulation.

When the matters presented are not appropriate for the IG, the IG will so advise the complainant and direct him to the appropriate avenue to resolve the complaint.

If the issue is appropriate for the IG, the matter will be looked into. The IG will provide a response to the complainant that addresses those issues that directly relate to him.

It is the right of all soldiers and civilians to communicate with an IG on any matter without fear of reprisal. To ensure this, Congress has enacted special laws to protect those who have communicated with an IG from reprisal. No one can take any adverse action against an individual for communicating with an IG.

IG records contain sensitive information and are afforded special controls. All IG records are the property of the Secretary of the Army and dissemination of

those records is prohibited except as authorized by AR 20-1.

IG records will not be used as the basis for adverse actions against individuals by directing authorities or commanders, except when specifically authorized by the Secretary of the Army, Under Secretary of the Army, Chief of Staff of the Army, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army or The Inspector General of the Army.

While commanders may request release of information from these records, this authorization is only given under exceptional circumstances.

It is for this reason that IGs frequently refer cases in which the IG believes the command may likely pursue adverse action to the lowest possible echelon commander for investigation/action.

IGs refer cases to commanders to investigate when it appears likely an allegation, that someone violated a punitive regulation or broke a law, will be substantiated. This way, the commander can appoint an investigating officer and may use all the evidence collected to take the action he deems appropriate.

When an IG refers a case to a commander to investigate, the IG is required to keep the case “open” until the commander completes the investigation or inquiry, takes appropriate action and closes the matter. The command must then inform the IG of the action taken. The IG must then determine if these actions resolve the entire case. The IG can then close the case, or pursue any remaining allegations until resolution.

Your local IG is located at Building 22326, Auger Street, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613. The telephone number is (520) 533-1144.



# K9 cops

## Fort Huachuca's four-legged support

By Sgt. Cullen James  
Scout Staff

"Heel!" "Seek!" "Sit!"

From sniffing out narcotics and explosives to aiding regular police patrols, Fort Huachuca's K9 unit pulls a variety of missions.

"Basically we have three missions," said Staff Sgt. Mark Nieto, noncommissioned officer in charge, Military Working Dog Section here.

"We have a patrol mission where we support the regular MPs," Nieto explained. "The dogs are a psychological deterrent. Say, if someone was getting a traffic ticket from an MP and they were being belligerent — if we pull up, as soon as the guy sees the dog, he's going to calm down."

"Our narcotics mission is a big one," said Nieto. "We assist units in health and welfare inspections, and occasionally we work with [U.S.] Customs at the borders augmenting them."

"We also have explosives dogs who primarily do sweeps of buildings and such. If we have a VIP visiting, we'll sweep the quarters [where they're going to stay] to ensure no devices are present."

"[Military dog handlers] can also augment U.S. Secret Service around the U.S. if tasked for presidential, vice presidential or presidential candidate visits," Nieto said.

"We respond to all bomb threats in Cochise County," said Sgt. Joshua Carpenter, dog handler, Military Working Dog Section. "We've been called out to Douglas, Tombstone, all over. I'm the only explosive-certified dog handler in Cochise County."

"We were really busy when the shooting at Columbine happened," Carpenter said. "It was near graduation and all the high schools here wanted us to come out and sweep their schools."

There's also a newly added aspect to the explosive detection mission, according to Nieto. "We're deployable now and we could go to some place like Bosnia. Our main mission in a place like that would be explosives detection doing sweeps at entrances to buildings and such," he said.

Before a Military Police soldier can become a dog handler they have to first do their normal MP job and later apply for the school, according to Nieto. The 10-week course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, trains all services and other state and federal departments.

"Most MPs request [the school] en route to a new duty station or coming back from overseas. But the Army really needs dog handlers right now, so it's a little easier to get."



Photos by Sgt. Cullen James

**Staff Sgt. Mark Nieto takes a bite from Tasha demonstrating how the dogs will attack the flailing limbs of a running suspect.**

"We don't just handle the dogs," Carpenter said. "We have to do our regular MP mission also. When we report to a crime scene or a fight, especially if we're the first on scene, we still have to investigate, do interviews and write statements."

"This is a secondary job. You need to know your primary before you do a secondary," Carpenter said.

The handler's course used to be broken down into two parts, detection and patrol, according to Nieto. Now the two parts are taught in one course.

"When you first get to the course, you don't think, 'Oh, I'm at the school. I'm a dog handler now,'" Nieto said. "You don't go in arrogant. The first time they put the wrap on your arm and tell you to run — it's scary."

"You learn all your commands with a bucket before you ever touch a dog," Carpenter said. "The MP has to know what they're doing before working with a dog."

The dogs also have to go through some primary training before they go to their assigned units, according to Sgt. Jeffrey Lewis, dog handler, Military Working Dog Section. "Most of the dogs are bought throughout Europe and given some basic training," he said.

"When they go to Lackland, they're taught all the basic military tasks," Lewis said.

The dogs are taught to detect five different drugs — marijuana, hashish,

heroin, cocaine and methamphetamines. For explosives, the dogs are taught to sniff out nine different types from TNT and dynamite to det cord and water gel.

"When you get your dog, they only know the basics," Carpenter said. "If you take the time to teach them more and they learn it well, it's a matter of pride to see them work."

Handlers from Fort Huachuca have put their pride up for inspection by participating in working dog competitions. Recently, Lewis took his dog, Tasha, to Yuma for a contest. Although he didn't win (he placed 15th) he said there are still benefits to going.

"You don't get anything for going [to the competitions], but you can learn from the other agencies there," Lewis said. "We're only taught the military method of dog handling, so you can go to these competitions and see some new things. You can take these things back and use them yourself."

"When you're working with your dog, you have a style you get comfortable with," Carpenter said. "But when you go to the competitions, they (the judges) want to see all the commands given sharply — like the book. So you need to prepare in advance."

"Learn the program before you go," Lewis said.

Military working dogs stay active

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**Wendy jumps through a simulated window.**



**Nieto leads Wendy over the stairs.**



**Sgt. Jeffrey Lewis takes Tasha over the stair obstacle.**



**The obedience course begins with three hurdles.**



# INSCOM names NCO, Soldier, Linguist of the Year

By Sgt. Trinace Rutledge  
INSCOM PAO

The United States Army Intelligence and Security Command Noncommissioned Officer, Soldier and Linguist of the Year were announced Aug. 16, in an awards ceremony in the Headquarters INSCOM Jimmy Garrett Conference Room.

Sgt. Derik Z. Miller, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Meade, Md., took INSCOM NCO of the Year, Spc. Kimberly M. Northcutt, 513th MI Bde., Fort Gordon, Ga., took Soldier of the Year and Staff Sgt. Eric Matos, 116th MI Group, Fort Gordon, took Linguist of the Year.

Miller said that he was very happy to

win. He said that he had gone to 26 boards before making it to the Soldier of the Year board.

“Technically I’ve been given the title [INSCOM NCO of the Year] but I’m no better than any of the others who competed,” Miller said. Northcutt said that she personally had something to prove in this competition.

“I was beaten at the group level last year and started going to boards this year and made it to the brigade level,” she said. She said her husband and NCOs in her platoon helped her to prepare for the Soldier of the Year Board.

“My first sergeant, commander and command sergeant major were very sup-

portive,” she said.

Col. Donald D. Woolfolk, INSCOM commander, said that America trusts its lively hood in the hands of soldiers just like the ones who competed and won in the competition.

“It was a very tough, very demanding competition,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald D. Wright, INSCOM command sergeant major. “The board questions were very demanding. They proved themselves as all around soldiers and all around competitors. They’re all winners,” he said.

Miller and Northcutt received the Army Commendation Medal, the Command Sergeant Major’s Plaque for Excellence with a coin, the Commanders Coin of Excellence, a \$100 AAFES gift certificate, a \$1,000 savings bond, a gift certificate for a dress blue uniform and choice of next duty assignment, plus various other donated plaques and gifts. Matos received the same with the exception of choice of next duty station.

The linguist winner was selected through a nomination packet. Nominees

had to send in a list of accomplishments that were reviewed by a panel of five from the headquarters INSCOM staff.

The INSCOM commander picked the final winner, who will represent INSCOM at the Headquarters Department of the Army, Linguist of the Year Competition.

Other competitors included: Staff Sgt. Andrew Angarita, 108th MI Group, Bad Aibling Station, Germany; Spc. Adam Lewis, 66th MI Group, Darmstadt, Germany; Sgt. Deborah L. Sills, 500th MI Group, Camp Zama, Japan, and Spc. Erich H. Keough, 115th MI Group, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Staff Sgt. Eric Matos, 116th MI Group, was the Linguist of the Year.

The runners-up received an Army Achievement Medal, a Command Sergeant Major Plaque of Excellence, a \$100 AAFES gift certificate and a certificate for a dress blue uniform.

“This is as far as you can go in an INSCOM unit,” Sills said. “I wanted to set the example for soldiers. I wouldn’t put my soldier in front of a board if I’m not going to do it for myself,” he said.

## Kudos Korner

### Civilian of the Month

Fort Huachuca has named Alphonso S. Renteria as the post Civilian of the Month for August 2000.

Renteria is a military personnel management specialist with Army Signal Command. He has over 37 years of combined military and federal service during which he has been an integral part of the enlisted strength management system. He oversees the management of approximately 8,500 enlisted soldiers in ASC subordinate commands worldwide to include Europe, Korea, Japan, Hawaii, Alaska, Okinawa, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and throughout CONUS. He has established an exceptional rapport with the assignment managers at PERSCOM, and with his counterparts in the USASC subcommands. This, coupled with his “customer first” approach to doing business, has ensured that USASC units receive the best enlisted fill possible.

Renteria receives the use of a car for one month from Lawley Chevrolet; gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants; a desk plaque from CPAC; a MWR certificate for Jeanie’s Diner; a wall plaque from the Sierra Vista Chamber of Com-

merce; and his name, as Civilian of the Month, posted at the Main Gate.

Other nominees included Allan J. Martin, Medical Activity Command; Aurelia Myers, Directorate of Installation Support; and Richard J. Grosinsky, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month. Per FH Reg 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. For information, call Theresa Fuimaono, CPAC, at 533-5282.

### NCO of the Month

Sgt. Kevin S. Roward, the Medical NCO for Patient Care Supply in the Soldier Care Clinic, MEDDAC, is the Fort’s NCO of the Month for August, 2000. Roward has been a soldier for eight years, having completed his basis training at Fort Knox, Ky. and his medical training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He has served overseas tours in Korea, Haiti and Bosnia, and was assigned to Fort Huachuca in March 1998.

The NCO of the Month is a native of Erie, Penn., and a 1991 graduate of Fairview High School. Roward has completed 48 credits towards earning a college degree in Radiology. He has completed PLDC and been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals and two Good Conduct Medals. Roward says he plans to advance through the ranks. He and his wife, Dolly, make their home at Fort Huachuca.

### Soldier of the Month

The fort’s Soldier of the Month for August 2000 is Spc. Jonathan D. Todd, a Visual Telecommunication Technician, Equipment Repair Team Leader in IEW Shop 2, HHC, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade. Todd has been in the Army for four years having completed basic training and his advance individual training at Fort Knox, Ky. Todd was assigned here in May following a tour of duty in Korea. A native of Phoenix, Ariz., Todd graduated from Cactus High School in 1995. His future plans include advancement to the NCO ranks and becoming a Battalion or Bridge Command Sgt. Maj., and obtaining a college degree in Electronics Engineering. Our Soldier of

the Month has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, Good Conduct Medal, National Service Defense Medal, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. In his spare time, Todd enjoys drag racing and playing baseball. He and his wife, Carrie, make their home at Fort Huachuca.

### Pre-teen Arizona scholarship

Kayla D. Walker, daughter of Earnest and Donna Walker, III, of Fort Huachuca, was selected as a finalist in the Pre-Teen Arizona Scholarship and Recognition Program held Aug. 18-20 in Phoenix. Pre-Teen Arizona awarded over \$5,000 in educational bonds, prizes and awards. Pre-Teen Arizona is a by-invitation only Scholarship and Recognition event involving young ladies, age seven to 12, based on their school academic records, awards and honors won, and their participation in outside activities. Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities or creative talents. Walker was sponsored by Genesis Cogie.

Have we got news for you!  
Check out *The Fort Huachuca Scout* on the Internet.  
<http://huachuca-www.army.mil/PAO/1Scout.htm>

# Community Updates

## Religious volunteers needed

Volunteer positions are still open for a combined 1st and 2nd grade teacher and several teaching assistant positions with the Protestant Sunday School Programs on post.

The new semester begins at the Main Post Chapel on Sept. 10, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Training and curriculum are provided. The reward? The joy of knowing you will make a difference in the spiritual life of children.

For information, call Doug Soleida at 533-4598 or Kris Young at 458-7986.

## Vendors needed for bazaar

Vendors are being sought for Col. Johnston Elementary School's Christmas Craft Bazaar fund-raiser Nov. 4 at Johnston's school cafeteria.

The bazaar is searching for vendors of homemade crafts — no commercial or food item vendors. Vendors may purchase a six-foot table for \$10. Johnston will not charge any percentage of the vendor's sales at the bazaar.

Application forms/contracts may be picked up at Johnston Elementary School outside the office, and deadline for registration/paying of fees is Oct. 15.

For more information, call 459-4297 or 458-0713.

## CFC seeks personal stories

The Combined Federal Campaign 2000 for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will be Sept. 18 - Oct. 30. Each year, millions of people, thousands of them being federal employees, are helped by the charitable organizations that receive contributions through CFC.

This year we are currently seeking individuals that have been personally helped through the services provided by a CFC supported charity. Such charities include the United Way, Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the Food Bank, to name a few.

If you have a personal story that you would like to share, please contact the CFC Coordinator at 538-6919 or email [melissa.crofton@hqasc.army.mil](mailto:melissa.crofton@hqasc.army.mil).

## ACAP closed for upgrades

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center will be closed through Tuesday. ACAP staff members will be training with the new ACAP XXI software and technicians will be at the Center installing the new software and hardware.

There will be a member of the ACAP Center staff on site during the shutdown time for post clearances and emergency unscheduled pre-separation briefings. But scheduled pre-separation briefings, three-day workshops and other ACAP activities won't be held during this time.

For information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314, or Angela Baker at 533-5766.

## OSJA closed

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. today, for an end of month awards and retirement ceremony, and luncheon. Anyone requiring legal services should contact the legal assistance office at 533-2009 to ensure their needs do not conflict with the closure of the office.

Requirements for emergency services should be forwarded to the MP Station for notification of the On-Call Judge Advocate Duty Officer.

## Signal reunion set

The 17th Signal Battalion Association will hold a reunion at the Sheraton El Conquistador in Tucson, today through Saturday. A golf tournament will be held on Friday. For information, write Arlo D. Janssen, 10209 Cedar Pond Drive, Vienna, VA 22182 or call (703) 281-3170.

## Holiday pharmacy hours

RWBAHC Pharmacy hours during Labor Day weekend are as follows: Friday (training holiday) the RWBAHC pharmacy will be open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and the PX satellite pharmacy will be closed all day. Monday both the PX pharmacy and the main pharmacy will be closed. Regular hours resume Tuesday.

## Allergy hours change

The hours of the Allergy and Immunization Clinic at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center will change Friday.

There will be no clinic on Mondays or Thursdays. Tuesday hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., last injection will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday hours will include 7:30 a.m.-noon appointments only with the allergist, 7:30-11:30 a.m. will be reserved for immunizations for Occupational Health, 1-2 p.m. will be orientation for all new allergy patients, and 1-4 p.m. will be allergy injections with the last injection at 4 p.m. Friday hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., with the last injection at 4 p.m.

For information, call Sgt. Pitchford at 533-8790.

## Holiday trash pickup

In observance of Labor Day, Monday, the refuse contractor will adjust the pickup schedule as follows: Occupants with a regular pickup on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday. Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday.

Post pickup of dumpsters and roll-offs normally emptied on Monday will either be dumped on Tuesday or Wednesday. Any questions concerning refuse service may be directed to the contract inspector at 533-3574.

## MAC lunch set

The Military Affairs Committee will host its monthly meeting Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the LakeSide Activity Cen-



WWES photo

## Where's Wette?

***R. J. Chamberlain, of AzEdgels retrofits the faucets in the bathrooms at the Directorate of Installation Support with electronic sensor faucets. The electronic faucets save water by turning on and off automatically. When you put your hands under the faucet the electronic eye "sees" you and turns the water on. When you remove your hands it turns the water off. Just another example of Fort Huachuca being Water Wise and Energy Smart.***

tre. The guest speaker is Col. Hugo Keyner, commander of the Electronic Proving Ground. He will present an overview of EPG activities.

At this luncheon the Soldier of the Month, Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, and Civilian of the Month for Fort Huachuca will also be recognized.

Reservations can be made by calling the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940.

## CFC Keyworker training

The Combined Federal Campaign 2000 for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County is Sept. 18 - Oct. 30. Training for unit representatives and Keyworkers will take place 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Sept. 7, in the Greely Hall auditorium. A make-up session has been set for Sept. 14 from 1-3 p.m.

For information or to sign up for the training session, call Capt. Melissa Crofton 538-6919.

## Veterans' benefits briefing

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center staff will sponsor Veterans' Affairs Benefits Briefings at the ACAP Center,

Building 22420, 8 a.m.-noon on Sept. 7 and 20, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 8, and Dec. 1.

Representatives from the Phoenix VA Regional Office and the Tucson Veterans' Center will be present to provide information about all VA benefits. No reservations necessary. For information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

## Green to Gold briefing

Interested in becoming an officer? Attend the next Green to Gold briefing 11 a.m. -noon Sept. 8 at the Post Education Center, Building 52104.

## DIS closed

The DIS will be closed 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sept. 8. This closure is so the employees can attend organization day activities. For emergencies, call 533-2623.

## Federal jobs workshop

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is offering a monthly Federal Jobs Workshop on Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. The workshop

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covers how to find out about federal job vacancies, how to apply, what forms to use, how selections are made, federal pay scales, veterans preference, and the types of civil service appointments. The Resumix scanable resume used to apply for jobs at Fort Huachuca will be explained.

Workshops are held in the ACAP Center, Building 22420 (next to the Military Clothing Sales) in the Old Post area. No reservation is necessary. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

ISEC blood drive

Information Systems Engineering Command is having an Emergency Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Sept. 8 at Building 53301 (the second two-story brown brick building across the street from Greely Hall, off Arizona Street).

Blood inventories have reached dangerously low levels in Cochise County. Your blood donation during this shortage

could give life to friends and neighbors. Generosity still makes a difference — there is no substitute for blood donors. You can help enormously by donating on Sept. 8.

Drawings will be held throughout the drive. Every donor has a chance to win.

To make an appointment or for more information, call Katharina Criscuolo at 538-3120. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins will not be turned away.

Housing closed

The Fort Huachuca Housing office, Building 41415, will be closed 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 12. In addition to scheduled training, the office will also be upgrading their computer system, which will not allow access to housing assignments or termination processes.

Housing will reopen at 9 a.m., Sept. 13.

Women’s Bible study

Protestant Women of the Chapel welcomes all women of all denominations to attend the weekly bible study group. Fall

kick-off begins Sept. 12, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Childcare is provided to military ID card holders.

Sibshop scheduled

Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona will sponsor a Sibshop workshop 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, 3020 Tacoma St., Sierra Vista.

The workshop provides siblings of special needs children the opportunity to meet other siblings in a relaxed setting to discuss common joys and concerns.

For information, call Sylvia Verdugo at (520) 321-1878.

Saturday testing

The Army Education Center will offer Saturday testing on Sept. 16, Oct. 21 and Nov 18. See an Army Education counselor for an appointment slip no later than two days prior to the test date.

For information, call Marilyn Copeland at 533-1701.

CFC luncheon set

The 2000 Combined Federal Campaign will run Sept. 18-Oct. 31. Every year, the CFC provides an opportunity for all federal employees to donate money to their favorite charities.

The public is invited to the 2000 Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff Luncheon on Sept. 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the LakeSide Activity Center. Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, USAIC&FH will be the guest speaker.

Tickets are \$7.50. Contact your unit coordinator or call 538-6919.

Mandatory ethics training

All Department of Defense personnel required to file a Financial Disclosure Report are required to attend ethics training annually. All new employees are required to receive this training within 30 days of entering on duty. The training sessions is 10-11 a.m. in Room 1215, Greely Hall, on Sept. 21.

For information, call 533-3197.

# Dental Activity Command

## Dentists detect bulimia by examining your teeth

Academy of General Dentistry release

Bulimia may be easy to hide from parents, friends, or even physicians. But it’s something that dentists can detect fairly easily just by giving you a regular dental exam, reports the Academy of General Dentistry, an organization of general dentists dedicated to continuing education.

Individuals with bulimia, a serious eating disorder, have recurrent episodes of binge eating followed by self-induced vomiting. According to a recent study in General Dentistry, the peer-reviewed journal of

the Academy, binges can include up to seven pounds of food and 20,000 calories, with purging episodes occurring as frequently as 40 times per day.

These episodes bring stomach acids up through the mouth that are damaging to a tooth’s enamel. “The damage from purging mostly occurs inside the upper front teeth which causes erosion of the tooth’s enamel, sensitivity, thinning, and chipping,” says Maharukh Kravich, DDS, spokesperson for the Academy of General Dentistry.

At you next checkup, your dentist may

ask if you’ve had any recent medical or health problems in an effort to identify and prevent adverse effects in your mouth and body. If you have suffered damage to your teeth, your dentist can restore them with bonding materials once the purging episodes have stopped. A person doesn’t need to have bulimia to exhibit the effects of tooth erosion. Gastroesophageal reflux disorder (GERD), dietary or occupational exposure to acids (professional wine tasters), or “morning sickness” in pregnant women can also cause wear patterns. You can ask your

dentist about a mouthguard or for a fluoride regimen to protect your teeth if episodes are frequent.

To keep teeth healthy, the following steps will neutralize the stomach acids and reduce their affect on your teeth:

— Immediately rinse with soda water (bicarbonate). Or use a sugar-free mouth rinse.

— Swish water around your mouth if nothing else is available.

— Brush with a soft toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste.

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for about 10 to 11 years, said Nieto. “I’ve seen some that can work longer, but that’s about the average. After they’re retired from their station, we send them back to Lackland.

“At Lackland, they’re evaluated to see if they’re still fit. If they are, they’re used to help train the students who go through,” Nieto explained.

“Sometimes a student doesn’t pick up the handling fast enough. The dogs the students are using are primarily new dogs also. But, when one of the students isn’t picking things up fast enough they’ll put him with one of the older dogs,” Carpenter said.

The Fort Huachuca dog section is about to retire one of its dogs, Bas, to Lackland. Nieto and Carpenter both hope he’ll be able to help in training. “He’s done this so long, he can go through the [obedience] course all by himself,” Nieto said.

Part of the training process involves the handlers getting close to their dogs, Car-

penter said. “That’s one of the downsides. You work with the dogs for two or three years and then you have to pack up and leave. It can be hard.”

“Dogs require social interaction,” Lewis said. “They respond to the human touch. When a dog’s handler leaves, it goes through 30 days of social deprivation. That way, when a new handler comes in, the dog will be more receptive and easier to work with.”

However, getting close to the dogs is also one of the greatest benefits of the job, said Carpenter. “Whenever you come to work, [the dogs] just go crazy. It really feels great.”

“You get to do what you love,” Lewis said.

“It’s unconditional love,” Nieto said. “As long as you praise these dogs, they’ll do whatever you want. You’re appreciated every day.”

“Another thing is that with this dog, I know 100 percent that it’ll give its life

for me if it had to. With an MP, or any human really, they have a fear of death. A human knows what a gun is and will be scared. The dogs have no fear and will do what you tell them,” Nieto ex-

plained. “When the moment comes, I know what my dog will do.”

“I couldn’t imagine being a regular MP again,” Carpenter said. “I’d take this dog over a gun any day.”

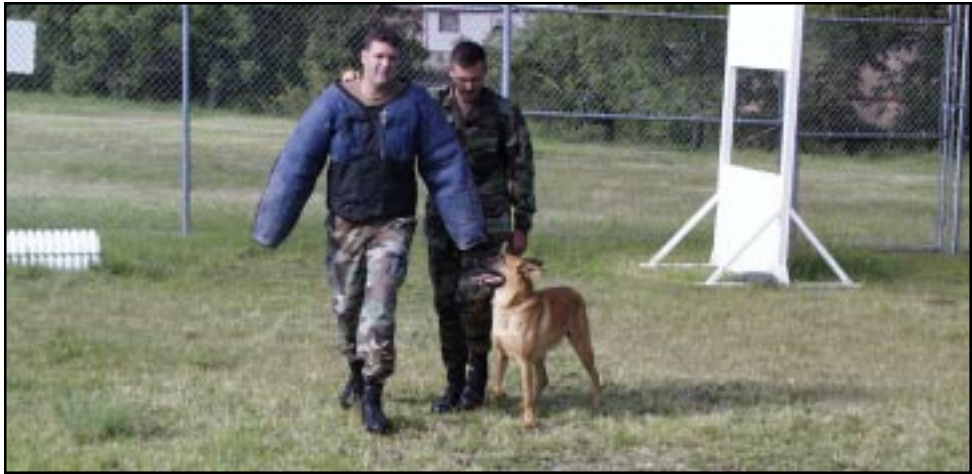


Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

**Sgt. Joshua Carpenter, in protective suit, is led by Nieto under the watchful eye of Wendy.**



# POW/MIA recognition features ‘voices from behind the wire’

**Chapel release**

“Voices from Behind the Wire” is this year’s theme for the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action recognition on Fort Huachuca.

The event takes place as part of a luncheon, Sept. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at La Hacienda Club. The public is invited to attend this post-wide event. The cost of the lunch is \$7 per person for German Buffet.

The recognition begins with a “Missing Man Table and Honors” ceremony in remembrance of members of each service, as well as civilians serving the military, who are still MIA, and therefore unable to be with their comrades

in arms.

A display of all those listed as MIA will be present. This display will include lists, by name and state, of those still MIA from the Korean War, Cold War and Vietnam Conflict. There will be a listing of numbers of persons still missing from the World Wars.

A display and explanation of the MIA bracelets, made popular during Vietnam, will also be present.

The program consists of a series of vignettes, read by service members, of those still MIA and former POWs, some of whom will be present at the luncheon.

The purpose of the vignettes is have attendees “get to

know” the men who are still MIA and who have served “behind the wire” as POWs. Many of those taking part in the recognition are community members, including the military, who having been wearing bracelets for years in support of MIAs. This should prove to be a moving experience.

The program will end with a moment of silence for our missing comrades in arms. Certificates commemorating their sacrifice will be given to those former POW and family members of MIA who are present following the recognition ceremony.

For tickets or information, call Chap. (Maj.) Dennis R. Nitschke, at 538-7379 or the Main Post Chapel at 533-4748.

## Nation’s oldest woman veteran dies at 103

**By Rudi Williams**  
**American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON — Frieda Mae Hardin, the nation’s oldest woman veteran, died Aug. 9 at age 103 in a nursing home in Livermore, Calif.

Hardin’s World War I service was broadcasted around the world in October 1997 when she spoke during dedication ceremonies for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at the gateway to Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery.

Decked out in her World War II “yeomanette” uniform and a wide-brimmed hat inscribed with “U.S. Naval Reserve,” she told an estimated crowd of more than 30,000 about her service to her country.

“In my 101 years of living, I have observed many wonderful achievements, but none as important or as meaningful as the progress of women in taking their rightful place in society,” said Hardin, who was accompanied by her son, Jerald Kirsten, a retired Navy captain.

“When I served in the Navy, women were not even allowed to vote!” she exclaimed. “Now, women occupy important leadership positions not only in the military, but also in business, government, education and in al-

most every form of human activity.”

She told the audience that her generation wasn’t the first generation of women to serve the country. “But we did our part, serving with honor and distinction,” said Hardin, who was born on Sept. 22, 1896, in Eden Valley, Minn. “To those women who are now in military service, I say, ‘Go for it!’ You are doing wonderful work and it’s very much appreciated.”

She addressed young women who may be thinking of a career in the military service. “You will find a world of opportunity waiting for you,” she said. “I have always been very proud of my Navy service.” She received three standing ovations for her 10-minute speech.

Hardin and thousands of women like her paved the way for future women to serve in the U.S. armed forces. She joined the Navy as a “yeomanette” in September 1918 and served until March 1919. More than 12,000 women served in the Navy during World War I as clerks, stenographers, telephone operators, recruiters, draftsmen and camouflage designers.

Hardin survived four husbands and is survived by a daughter and three sons. All her sons served in the military.



AFPS photo

**Frieda Mae Hardin, the nation’s oldest woman veteran, died Aug. 9 at age 103 in a nursing home in Livermore, Calif. Hardin (above right) spoke at the 1997 dedication ceremony for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. Decked out in her World War II “yeomanette” uniform and wide-brimmed hat talked about her service to her country.**

## President appoints Ned Powell as Acting Veterans’ Affairs Deputy Secretary

**VA release**

WASHINGTON — President Clinton has appointed Edward A. (Ned) Powell, Jr., as the Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Powell, currently VA’s Assistant Secretary for Financial Management, will fill the position held by Hershel W. Gober, who was named Acting VA Secretary.

In his new assignment, Powell will become the chief operating officer of the federal government’s second largest cabinet department. With an annual budget of \$48

billion, VA employs about 219,000 people at hundreds of VA medical centers, clinics, benefits offices, and national cemeteries throughout the country.

Powell has directed VA’s budget, finance and procurement policies and operations since October 1998. In 21 months, he has accumulated a record of success in improving the department’s financial management and integrity. He played an instrumental role in the development of the Administration’s latest VA budget submission to the Congress,

which includes the largest-ever increase in discretionary (primarily health care) spending for veterans. Under his leadership, the FY 2001 budget proposal incorporated the first successful integration of planning, performance and resource information in a single VA document.

In another first, Powell led VA to an unqualified audit opinion of its FY 1999 financial statements, which included a retroactive clean opinion of the prior year’s statements.

Through his advocacy of electronic commerce, Powell increased VA’s earnings from rebates to \$10 million in FY 1999. He has initiated a project to integrate more than 40 existing, disparate systems into a departmental, state-of-the-art, core financial and logistics system that will eliminate redundancies and reduce errors.

Powell has broad experience in finance, investment banking, strategic marketing and management. He joined the

Young Presidents Organization in 1981 at the age of 33. Between 1989 and 1997, he owned and managed Mechanism Design, Inc., a precision machine parts manufacturing firm. Previously, he was First Vice President of Investment Banking for Sovran Bank (now Bank of America), and held a Securities and Exchange Commission broker’s license. He is a former professor of business ethics and policy at the University of Richmond, a business planning consultant, and has held a Virginia Real Estate Brokers License.

Powell served in the Navy Reserve for six years, two of which were on active duty, including assignments with the Defense Intelligence Agency, for which he received the Distinguished Service Award.

Powell earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Washington and Lee University and a master’s in business administration from the University of North Carolina.

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**Dept. of Veterans’ Affairs**



# A/305th MI Bn. ‘jumps’ at chance to train

By Spc. Amy Pena  
A/305th MI Bn.

It was a familiar sight - 90 soldiers from Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion stood in formation listening intently to instruction from drill sergeants. But for many of the electronic intelligence analyst (98J) and imagery analyst (96D) students gathered, what stood before them was a daunting new task.

“I was scared even before I saw the rappelling tower,” said Pvt. 2 April Loyd, a 96D from Callahan, Fla. “It’s not that I don’t like heights, I’m just scared of falling on my face from that height.”

The 45-foot rappelling tower was a part of once-a-month common skills task training for military intelligence soldiers. The CST training is set up to keep basic training skills fresh

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Capt. Paul Bell

in soldiers’ minds as well as challenge them to overcome new obstacles.

“In preparing students for their first duty assignment, we not only want to stress the importance of their academic studies, but we also want to introduce the physical demands they will face down the road,” said Capt. Paul Bell, commanding officer, A/305th MI Bn.

Bell said he felt CST training days were an excellent way to get out of the classroom and be “dropped” into another mentally and physically challenging environment while having fun at the same time.

In addition to rappelling, A/305th students participated in practicing basic first aid skills, reacting to a nuclear or biological attack, reacting to flares, and military customs and courtesies.

Like Loyd, many soldiers found the rappelling tower to be the biggest challenge of the day.

“We try to get the scared people to go first because they take the most time,” said Sgt. 1st Class Dean Bianco, rappel master, Company D, 309th MI Bn. “The hardest part is getting them to take that first step off the tower. Once they’re over the ledge and in the L-shape position, the rest is easy.”

While one group of soldiers rappelled, three other groups were led through the common skill stations set up by the instructors. The first station, lead by Staff Sgt. Ricky Milton, training noncommissioned officer, A/305th, was reacting to biological/nuclear attacks and to flares.

“You’re under enemy fire and you see the flare go up, what do you do?” he shouted as soldiers dropping in their tracks and then low-crawled to safety.

“It’s important to practice these skills because you will see them again and again,” explained Milton. “You could be anywhere — Bosnia, Korea — it’s important to always know how to act quickly.”

Staff Sgt. Eddis Wakefield, a 96D instructor, was busy busting head, breaking arms and fracturing legs - in hypothetical situations. For training purposes, Wakefield divided the soldiers into different groups to refresh basic first aid skills and to remind them how to act in emergency situations.

Pfc. Nathaniel Walters, a 96D from Beaufort, N.C., said

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A/305th MI Bn. photos



(Above) Drill Sergeant David Sargent, Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion demonstrates the proper way to rappell. (At left) Sargent instructs student soldiers on tying a Swiss seat.

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A/305th MI Bn. photo

“It’s actually very effective training. It’s a good reminder of the smaller details you may have forgotten that can really help you get through difficult situations.”

The final station, lead by Staff Sgt. Cleandora Khayyam, A/305th, was a refresher course on military customs and courtesies. Reminding soldiers of the importance of respect in the history of the military. Khayyam led soldiers through practical exercises and a question and answer session.

“It’s good training, we should do it more than once a month,” said Pfc. Paul Hollit, a 98J from Vevay, Ind. “It’s a good break from the monotony of sitting at a desk all day.”

**(At left) Students of Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion practice their first aid skills.**

With safety being the most important aspect of the day, the instructors were happy to see all of the Company A soldiers complete each of the tasks, especially the rappelling tower, without any problems.

“This was a good confidence builder,” A/305th Drill Sergeant Toni Santoro told soldiers at the end of the day. “It will help you overcome your fears.”

*(Editor’s note: Spc. Amy Pena is a 96D from Orlando, Fla. After graduation from Fort Huachuca, she will return to her reserve unit and attend graduate school at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. She will get her master’s degree in elementary education and then attend Officer Candidate School where she hopes to make the Army a career.)*

Wildfires from Page 1

Aircrews from the Air Force Reserve 302nd Air Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and the 146th Air Wing, Channel Islands Air National Guard Base, Calif., were deployed July 25 to fight fires in Southern California. The California mission ended Aug. 11.

Hill said more than 80 major fires were burning as of Aug. 28 in Arizona, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, California, Florida, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Other examples of military air support used to combat wildfires include:

Two Air Force Reserve C-130 aircraft and two Guard C-130s, all equipped with Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems have operated out of Spokane and delivered 167,000 gallons of fire retardant on fires in Idaho and Montana. Each unit has 37 people, including support personnel in Spokane.

The Wyoming Air Guard 153rd Airlift Wing of Cheyenne and the North Carolina Air Guard 145th Air Wing of Charlotte have flown C-130s from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, since the beginning of the firefighting effort July 25. The 85 airmen from these units have flown almost 500 sorties, using the air-

borne firefighting systems to disperse more than a million gallons of retardant on wildfires throughout the West.

Five Air Force Reserve C-141 crews flew to Robert Gray Army Airfield in Killeen, Texas, Aug. 12 to pick up the 600 1st Cavalry Division soldiers and 12 tons of cargo and fly them to Missoula, Mont. The aircrews were from the 445th Air Wing and 452nd Air Mobility Wing; the 446th Air Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.; the 459th Air Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; and the 514th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

About 400 Montana National Guardsmen have been called to active duty to fight fires in their home state. More than 1,000 other reserve component members have been activated to date to assist federal firefighters. Providing support at Missoula were reservists from the 315th Air Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.; and the 514th Air Mobility Wing, 445th Air Wing and 302nd Air Wing.

More than 1,500 Army and Air National Guardsmen are serving on state active duty to support firefighting operations in 10 states, DoD officials said.

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knows that you need them.” (Matthew 6:31-32 NIV)

Having seen that worry does nothing for us, how do we deal with worry?

Put God first in every area of your life. Jesus said, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33 NIV) In order for us to receive blessing from God for our every need, he must be our first priority. We must grow in a loving relationship with him. We must become citizens of his kingdom, following his principles for life. Any area of our lives, in

which God is not first, will become a source of worry. Anything that takes first place in our lives will become a source of worry.

Secondly, Jesus tells us to live one day at a time. “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Matthew 6:34 NIV) There are two days of the week that we must never worry about-today and tomorrow. Abraham Lincoln said, “The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time.” When we worry about tomorrow, we miss the blessing of today and add to the worries

of today. The Lord’s prayer states, “Give us today our daily bread.” (Matthew 6:11 NIV) Do you remember when the Israelites in the Exodus gathered more manna than they needed for one day? The manna rotted. Why live one day at a time? God wants us to learn to trust him. He wants to develop a relationship with us.

Thirdly, we must trust God for all our needs. The Apostle Paul said, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understand-

ing, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV) Do you want peace? Then pray! If it’s not worth praying about, it’s not worth worrying about. If it is worth worrying about, it’s worth praying about. Worry and faith can’t exist in the same heart.

What are you worrying about? The Bible lists hundreds of God’s promises to his people. They are like an insurance policy in which God makes a commitment to us. Whatever your worry, give it to God. Put him first. Live one day at a time. And trust him for your every need.